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A NEW NAME FOR THE PREOCCUPIED NAME *THECOPHORA* LEDERER, 1857 (NOCTUIDAE)

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We have found in the course of joint work on the orders Lepidoptera and Diptera that the generic name *Thecophora* Rondani, 1845 (Diptera, Conopidae) is an older homonym of LEDERER's generic name in the family Noctuidae. The name *Thecophora* Lederer, 1857, has as far as we know no younger synonym, so, in accordance with Article 60b of the "Code", it must be substituted by a new name. We propose therefore in accordance with Article 60 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, adopted by the XV International Congress of Zoology, a new name for the noctuid genus: *RILEYIANA* Moucha & Chvála, *nomen novum*. The genus is named in honor of Mr. N. D. RILEY of the British Museum of Natural History, a well known specialist in the Lepidoptera.

The genus *Rileyiana* is monotypic. The species *R. fovea* (Treitschke, 1825) occurs in the southern parts of Central Europe, where it reaches the northern border of its occurrence on the territory of South Slovakia (Gregor & Povolný, 1950). It is rather rare in Hungary, but it has been found in many localities (Kovács, 1953, 1956). The male is very interesting in the fact that when flying it produces an audible sound by means of stridulation, which has been dealt with more closely, *e. g.*, by BOURGOGNE (1951: p.223, fig.244).

The name *Thecophora* has some further homonyms, to which we call attention of the competent specialists in other animal groups. The complete list is:

Thecophora Rondani, 1845, *Nuovi ann. sci. nat. Bologna* (2)
3: p.15 (Diptera, Conopidae); cited also in Rondani, 1857: p.235.

Thecophora (*emend. pro Theca* Charpentier, 1839) Agassiz,
1846, *Nomen. zool. index univ.* (Odonata).

Thecophora Lederer, 1857, *Die Noctuiden Europas*: p.99
(Noctuidae).

Thecophora Schmidt, 1870, *Spong. Atlant. Geb.*: p.50
(Porifera, Spongillidae).

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